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October 16, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Federal Building Security Precautions

In light of recent threats to the security of Federal buildings and employees, I ask your assistance in enlisting the efforts of your employees in carrying out some basic precautionary measures.

Until further notice, I have ordered that all but essential entrances to Federal buildings be closed and that packages being brought into buildings be subjected to inspection by the guards on duty. However, the relatively small number of guards at our disposal and their limited training make complete security virtually impossible.

For this reason, I ask that you request the cooperation of your employees in aiding our guard force by remaining alert and by reporting immediately all suspicious looking persons and packages.

I also ask that you express to your employees our sincere regrets for any inconvenience they may encounter while entering a Federal building. I'm sure they will appreciate that these precautions are being taken for their own protection.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

ROBERT L. KUNZIG

Administrator

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"Security Threats To Agency: Today I briefed the Executive Committee on the Security problems developing from the threats being made and acted upon by both the SDS Weathermen and the Black Panthers. During this past week there have been 10 bombings - three in San Francisco, one in New York, one at Harvard University and five at Rochester, New York. In reports of proposed action by these two factions they have proposed attacks on Government installations in Washington and around the country and have specifically identified CIA as one of the targets. There have been additional reports that both the Weathermen and the Black Panthers are considering the kidnapping of senior officials of Government as a retaliatory measure for the imprisonment of members of the two organizations. I briefed the Executive Committee on the additional protective security measures we are taking in package controls, inspection of packages and control of personnel entering the compound. Additionally I suggested to the senior officials that they report immediately to Security anonymous and crank telephone calls, the presence of suspicious persons around their residences and that they attempt to vary their patterns of time and travel to work. I indicated that while all this may seem a bit "incredible" and that "it can't happen here" that this has every appearance of being a real threat as evidenced by the violent actions that have been taking place around the country. The Deputies were concerned and took this very seriously and expressed full approval of the corrective security measures being taken."

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10 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Security

Security Duty Officers

SUBJECT

Bomb Threats Against United States

Government Installations

- 1. During the past week we have received numerous reports from usually reliable sources that the militant "Weathermen" faction of the SDS plan to mount their Fall offensive against United States Government and civil law enforcement installations during the week of 11 through 17 October. The three dynamite bombings on the West Coast on Thursday, 8 October, and the one in New York City this morning tend to add credence to these reports.
- 2. In view of the above, I believe that we should all be unusually alert to the possibility that any one of our Agency installations may be a target for such attacks at any time during the ensuing week. The pattern followed in these bombings would lead us to expect that they usually occur during the early morning, i.e., from 2300 to 0200 hours.
- 3. Effective immediately and until further notice I would like all of you, in conjunction with our very fine USSP Force, to pay particular attention to any unusual activity in our buildings in the Washington area with particular attention to the Ames Building in Rosslyn and the Headquarters building here in Langley. Specifically, the following measures should be taken:

a.	Everyone	should	be	thorou	ighly	familiar	with	the
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b. Guard patrols and our CCTV operators should pay particular attention to any person or any vehicle approaching our Buildings during the hours cited above. Visual examination of non-badged personnel 25X1

and vehicles not occupied by badged personnel should be thorough and conducted with appropriate caution.

- c. SDO's should, as conditions permit, patrol as often as possible during these hours with particular reference to the garage areas of the Ames Building (our most vulnerable area).
- d. No visitors are to be permitted to carry in packages or suitcases without examination during the period from 2000 to 0700 hours on weekdays; and from 1600 hours on Saturday to 0700 hours on Monday. These examinations should be conducted, ideally, by the Agency employee escorting the visitor; a USSP guard or in the event of a refusal, by an SDO. They should be prefunctory and designed only to eliminate the existence of a bomb or other explosive devices.
- 4. We are not pushing "the panic button" in instituting these measures. We are taking extra precautions at atime when the risk of hostile action toward this Agency appears greater than ever before.
- 5. This memorandum has not (because of the time factor) been coordinated with the DD/PTOS or the Chief, BSB. I suggest that the Chief, BSB, be notified of its contents telephonically as soon as possible and assume that he will brief the DD/PTOS appropriately as soon as possible.

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Mr. Bannerman,

- 1. Keyed by the bombing in New York on Saturday Mr. Osborn issued the attached memorandum to his Security Duty personnel. It is primarily an alerting type paper. I did not mention it at the Morning Meeting.
- 2. The briefing, tour and discussion with Fairfax County police hierarchy takes place today.

3. It is planned to pull an unannounced morning badge check on Wednesday, 14 October. I told Mr. Osborn that this would be all right subject only to your not desiring it. If you do not agree we will have to tell Mr. Osborn on Tuesday.	os mother

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9 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

: Precautionary Measures to be Taken by

Key Agency Officials

- 1. This memorandum is for your information and is in response to an oral request by you on 7 October 1970.
- 2. We have received an increasing number of reports indicating that the more militant factions of SDS (Weathermen) and the Black Panthers plan to kidnap high level officials in the Federal Government. Attached for your information and utilization is a list of the minimum precautions I feel should be taken immediately by Key Officials in light of the above information. I will continue to keep you informed of any further information we may receive in this regard, but I am convinced that we should take some low-key action to alert these officials in this Agency.

Howard J. Osborn Director of Security	

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

: Threat to Agency Installations and Key

Officials

1. This memorandum is for your information and suggests action in paragraph 6.

2. As you know we have discussed recently, possible actions which might be taken as a precaution against increasing evidence of dissident actions towards our Agency installations and key officials. In this regard I have asked our people to review, carefully, all current sources available to us and prepare an up-to-date estimate of what we might expect along these lines and when we might expect it. The attached "Special Information Report" is a result of their efforts.

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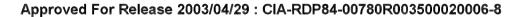
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- 3. With respect to the possible kidnapping of United States Government officials, I have made copies of the report available to the Director's Office, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence's Office, and the Office of the Executive Director-Comptroller, as a matter of expediency. Further, the Chief of the Director's Security Staff has reviewed the report with his Staff and has instructed them to be unusually alert and responsive to any evidence of undue

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NITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 8, 1970

THREATS AGAINST UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Members of new left extremist groups such as the Weathermen, a former faction of Students for a Democratic Society, have reportedly made statements advocating strategic violence against military and civilian police installations by use of bombing, aroon and assassination. They have also directed violent threats against the so-called "establishment" including U. S. Government officials. These individuals have publicly announced that consideration is being given to kidnaping local and Federal officials holding them as ransom for the release of so-called "political prisoners."

Some black militant groups have repeatedly called for the killing of police officers and their leaders have publicly announced support for the assassination of Government officials. Recent issues of the weekly newspaper "The Black Panther," official organ of the Black Panther Party, have intensified the Party's call for killing of "fascist pigs" and executing those in the "power structure."

The above information is being brought to your attention for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

The FBI has investigative jurisdiction over certain threats to do bodily harm which are received through the U.S. mails or by use of an interstate communication. The Federal Kidnaping Statute covers situations wherein the victim is transported interstate. Under certain circumstances, assaulting or killing a Federal officer would be a violation of Federal law within FBI jurisdiction. The majority of officials and employees of the Executive Branch do not come within the purview of this Statute.

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THIRRATS AGAINST UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Should information be received indicating a possible violation of Federal law within the FBI's juris-diction, the nearest office of the FBI should be notified immediately.

For your information and guidance, the FBI's function is an investigative one and, accordingly, we are not in a position to provide protective services.

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TESTING - Newsman Ken Hartnett, sporting bushy beard and carrying a mysterious box, approaches a capital building.

DOORS OPEN WIDE

\Bearded, Carrying Box, He Finds Lax Capital Security

BY KEN HARTNETT AP Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—I marched into the Pentagon Thursday carrying a shabby yellow shoe box just to see how far I could get before the government's security against bombers stopped me dead in my tracks.

I walked for a mile, all the way to tunda, I ducked down a Secretary of Deprovative Released 2003/04/29 he CIA-RDP84-00780R003500020006-8 ment. There was a guard

Nobody stopped me either five minutes later when I walked by the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Two Marine Corps sergeants gave me a cold eye as they chatted in the corridor, but they didn't have a word to say about my box. The cold eye could have been directed at my

It was the same almost everywhere I went - the Capitol, the Senate Office Building, the Justice Department, Internal Revenue Service, the Post Office Department, the Interior Department and even the General Services Administration.

The GSA was the department that ordered the tightened security in the first place. In a directive Monday it said entrance to government

buildings should be denied "to anyone carrying suspicious packages unless they voluntarily submit the package for examination."

All I had in the box was an old pair of black shoes.

But for all the government guards knew, the box could have held a bomb.

Except at the Supreme Court-where the guards were on their toes--nobody bothered to ask me about my box.

Everywhere, the guards were courteous and cooperative when I stopped to ask them for directions. But they apparently were not aware of the directive to check suspicious packa-

The Pentagon—a place the Weatherman people dream of destroying didn't even have a guard at a basement entrance.

At the Senate Office Building, there was a guard inside the door. He was on the telephone though and didn't even look up when I walked by.

Outside the Capitol, there was a cluster of guards. They all stared at ine as I walked within 10 feet of them. I thought surely one was going to stop me. They didn't.

took my box and walked into the Capitol and joined a group of camera-toting tourists. After gawking up at the ro-

At the Justice Department—a building radicals tried to storm last November-I walked in through an entrance marked FBI Tours and again mingled with the tourists before slipping down a corridor and into a men's room.

There, I struck up a conversation on the World Series.

"I'm glad Cincinnati won at least one game," re-marked one man who looked like an FBI agent might look, "even though I'm from Baltimore."

He glanced at the box but didn't ask what was

At the Supreme Court, things were different.

"What do you have in that box?" guard A. R. Burgoon asked as he'unobtrusively but firmly blocked the main entrance to the building.

'Just a pair of shoes." "Would you mind opening the box?".

"No, sir." Burgoon examined the shoes, then took the box. He returned it only when

I was leaving the building. At the GSA, a guard stood in a guardhouse a few yards inside a courtyard-one of the few entrances to the building left open during the security drive. He said nothing as I walked by.

I walked through a back door and around to the building's main lobby and took an elevator to the sixth floor. There I asked a public information officer if he believed it possible to protect government buildings against terror-

"I think it's pretty rough," he said. "But you can keep out people who are carrying bags and shoe boxes."

The spokesman paused and glanced at the shoe box. "I'm really amazed they let you in. Didn't they ask you about it at

there. He didn't say a word either.